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January 19, 2010

The Honorable Jim Riesberg, Chair
House Health and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 271
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Riesberg:

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Beverly Hirsekorn, manager, Health Outcomes and Quality Management Unit, at Beverly.Hirsekorn@state.co.us or 303-866-6320.

Sincerely,

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Part B - Eligible children are enrolling in programs under Titles 19 and 21 and are remaining enrolled so that children have continuity of care:

Table 2 summarizes the average monthly number of children enrolled in the Medicaid and CHP+ and the average length of enrollment.

Table 2: FY 2008-09 Children's Caseload and Length of Enrollment: Medicaid and CHP+¹

	Medicaid	CHP+
FY 2008-09 Caseload (# of clients)	235,129	61,582
FY 2008-09 Average Length of Enrollment in months	8.6	10.5

CHP+ also provided services for an average of 1,665² adult pregnant women per month during FY 2008-09.

Children enrolled in CHP+ are guaranteed 12 months of continuous eligibility unless they become enrolled in private insurance or Medicaid, age out of the program or they move out of the state. Because eligibility for Medicaid and CHP+ are determined simultaneously within the same system, there is not a gap in coverage for children moving from Medicaid coverage to CHP+ coverage or vice versa. Rather, if a child leaves either program, it is because they have lost eligibility for both programs.

Effective January 1, 2008 the Department implemented presumptive eligibility for children who appear to be eligible for either Medicaid or CHP+. This allows children who appear to be eligible but are not yet enrolled in the programs the ability to seek care immediately without having to wait until final eligibility is determined. For FY 2008-09, the Department provided immediate health care access for an average of approximately 2,500 children per month as a result of the implementation of presumptive eligibility.

Additionally, the Department has an initiative to increase the continuity of primary care providers between Medicaid and CHP+. Current baseline data shows that 68 percent of primary care providers for Medicaid are also CHP+ providers. It is the Department's goal to increase this to 100 percent.

¹ Medicaid caseload - Department's November 6, 2009 Budget Request, DI-1 Exhibit B, page EB-1.

CHP+ caseload - Department's November 6, 2009 Budget Request, DI-3, Exhibit C.6, page C.6-1.

Medicaid Average Length of Stay -- Medicaid Management Information System data query.

CHP+ Length of Stay -- Medicaid Management Information System data query.

² Department's November 6, 2009 Budget Request, DI-3, Exhibit C-7, page C.7-1.